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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
TESTING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

Examiner: L. C. Sievers

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Applicant(s) have become aware of the documents, cited in a German Office Action issued July 4, 2006, during the prosecution of German Application No. 102 96 952.3-35, which corresponds to the above referenced application. The documents cited in the above German Office Action were submitted in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement on August 14, 2006. Applicant submits herewith U.S. Patent No. 6,789,224 B2, which corresponds to DE 101 01 899 A1 cited in the above German Office Action.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

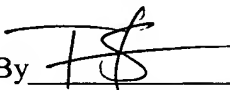
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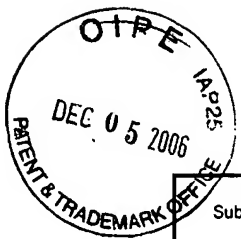
It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 50-0591, under Order No. 02008/135001.

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